



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Usona Forest Fire Station - Tree Planting Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	CAL FIRE's Usona Forest Fire Station 2739 Highway 49 South Mariposa CA 95338	<b>COUNTY</b>	Mariposa
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is proposing to plant approximately 400 trees within the Usona Forest Fire Station property. For the last two years, there has been below normal precipitation in Mariposa county. This condition has resulted in tree stress to lower elevation Ponderosa Pine and significant tree mortality from Western Pine Beetle. The Ponderosa Pine trees around the Usona Fire Station have especially been affected. There have been 30 to 40 trees that have died and this tree planting project is intended to rehabilitate the affected stand of trees on the property.

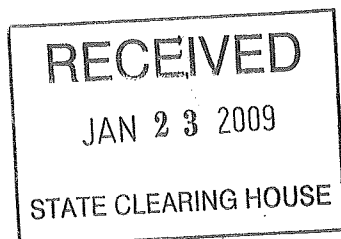
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 14CCR§15304 Minor Alterations to Land  
Class 33 14CCR§15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project meets the Categorical Exemption as described under 14CCR§15304 pertaining to Minor Alterations to Land, and 14CCR§15333 pertaining to Small Habitat Restoration Projects. CAL FIRE's Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit has conducted a limited environmental review, especially to address potential impacts to cultural or biological resources, and has concluded that no impacts will occur. The project involves landscaping activities using hand tools for habitat restoration within a project area smaller than 5 acres involving only land disturbance. Documentation of the environmental review is on file at Unit Headquarters in Mariposa. No environmental impacts are anticipated from this project.

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